Jazz Up Your School Tours

Online Resources

Booktalks: Includes tips on booktalking
  • http://nancykeane.com/booktalks

Fractured Fairy Tales: Lists of picture books
  • www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/fft.html
  • http://webster.daytonmetrolibrary.org/kids/Reference/Fairy.cfm

Draw and Tell Stories from Richard Thompson
  • www.drawandtell.com/slsv/cjmcollection/cjmcdtlist.html

Books: My Picks (and likely in your collection)

*The Big Ugly Monster and the Little Stone Rabbit* by Chris Wormell
Kids are entranced by the tale of a lonely monster who befriends a stone rabbit he carves himself. A sad story that will resonate and get them thinking about the story behind the story.

*A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris van Dusen
Mr. Magee and his dog Dee go camping, but a hungry bear sends them on an unexpected detour. They end up back in their own backyard.
  Add a song: *Camp Granada*

*Mortimer* by Robert Munsch
Havoc ensues when Mortimer refuses to go to sleep. Kids are shocked when his parents call the police! Memorize it for telling. Bonus: it’s also very interactive.

*My Little Sister Ate One Hare* by Bill Grossman
A counting book with a great rhythm and an even better gross-out factor. Plus she finally throws up after eating 10 peas.
  Add a song: *Great Green Gobs of Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts*

*Two Frogs* by Chris Wormell
A frog makes fun of his overprepared pal, but eventually eats his words.

*Wait! I Want to Tell You a Story* by Tom Willans
A muskrat outwits a tiger -- with a very satisfying ending just when kids' patience begins to run out!
  Add a song: *I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*

*White Rabbit’s Color Book* by Alan Baker
White Rabbit hops in and out of paint pots, changing colours as he mixes red and blue, yellow and red, etc. Excellent for K-2. Also in French: *Lapin Blanc Aime les Couleurs* -- a great book for immersion classes.
  Add a song: *Little Rabbit Foo-Foo*

Buy, beg, borrow or steal a copy of:

*Something Funny Happened at the Library: How to Create Humorous Programs for Children and Young Adults* by Rob Reid. ALA, 2002. $37.95 or so.